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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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FOR: CATALYTIC GAS-PHASE :
OXIDATION OF PROPENE TO
ACRYLIC ACID

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows:

4. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the reaction zone C extends to an acrolein conversion of from 65 to 80 mol%.

5. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the temperature of the reaction zone B is at least 10°C above the temperature of the reaction zone A.

6. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the

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